(d) The Government have adopted a multi-pronged approach to contain Infiltration from across the borders. This, *inter-alia*, includes round the clock surveillance and patrolling on the borders and establishment of observation posts; construction of border fencing and floodlighting; introduction of modern and hi-tech surveillance equipments; upgradation of intelligence set up and coordination with the Government and intelligence agencies concerned.

Dust Storm in Kanpur

509. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a devastating dust storm hit Kanpur city on 14th May, 2008;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a large number of villages in the area were gutted in fire stoked by winds; and

(c) if so, the details of the loss of life and property and extent of relief provided to the victims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) As per the information received from the government of Uttar Pradesh, a high speed cyclonic dust storm hit Kanpur city leading to accidental fire at different places.

(b) A few villages were also reported gutted by high speed cyclonic dust storm leading to accidental fire.

(c) The State Government has reported loss of 6 human lives, 13 cattle heads and private properties worth Rs. 30,96,895.00. The Government of Uttar Pradesh extended relief of Rs. 1,22,800.00 to the victims.

Invoking Article 355 against Orissa and Karnataka

510. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to invoke Article 355 against Orissa and Karnataka which are witnessing largescale targeted attacks on the Christian minority community over the last few weeks;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of persons killed in those incidents in both the States; and

(c) by when it is likely to be invoked?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (c) According to available information, 39 persons were killed during recent incidents of communal violence in Orissa. No death, however, has been reported in communal incidents in Karnataka.

Government of India has maintained a close and continuous watch over the situation in both these States. 7 advisories/ communications were sent to the Government of Orissa between

25.8.2008 and 10.10.2008 at various levels, including the Home Secretary and the Union Home Minister; and 4 advisories/communications were sent to the Government of Karnataka between 15.9.2008 to 15.10.2008. In these advisories/communications, the State Government of Orissa was asked/directed to take stringent action against the persons indulging in communal violence, including identification and apprehension of the elements inciting and stoking communal violence/hatred; ensure arrangements to provide security to members of the minority community and their places of worship, etc; undertake comprehensive measures for relief and rehabilitation of the victims and other affected persons, including measures for reconstruction/repair of the residential and other structures that were burnt/damaged during the violence; and, take effective steps to create an environment in which people who had to leave their homes could return at the earliest. Similarly, in the case of Karnataka, the State Government was asked/directed to take immediate steps to stop violence targeted against the minority community and their places of worship, to provide protection against such attacks, to apprehend and take stringent action to bring to justice all those indulging in or inciting communal violence or hatred, and to ensure that an atmosphere of security is created in the affected areas. It was also emphasised that the prevailing situation was in breach of the Constitution and the Law, and that immediate steps required to be taken to ensure that measures as directed in various communications, were taken.

Persons injured in September, 2008 blasts in Delhi

511. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons killed/injured as a result of bomb blasts in the Capital on Saturday the 13th September, 2008;

(b) whether any agency has since owned the responsibility of such blasts;

(c) whether any arrest has been made in this heinous crime which resulted in the killing of several innocent persons; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI): (a) 26 persons were killed and 133 were injured as a result of bomb blasts in the Capital on Saturday, the 13th September, 2008.

(b) Some e-mails were received in the name of a Group calling itself Indian Mujahiddin claiming responsibility for the blasts.

(c) and (d) Five persons have been arrested in respect of this incident so far. Further investigations are continuing. It would be premature to disclose details about the same.

Proposal for including Chhattisgarhi Language in the Eighth Schedule

†512. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to states: